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New "house operatives" (Hausvertrauensleute) were selected for all houses in East Berlin in April after a particularly intensive investigation in which East Berlin Mayor Ebert himself took an active part. These 21,000 party spies are pledged to denounce anything they consider suspicious. They must find ground-floor dwelling rooms. As part of their functions they are to dress up the "street picture" with banners, legends, and large pictures and guard against "enemy influence on the food supply". They must also search premises for metal and rags and get the tenants out on the streets in regular formation whenever any kind of demonstration is to take place. It is also their duty to post bulletins in the halls, and to spread fear of the party among the people.

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